

# Czech Republic

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Czech Republic GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Czech Republic could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Czech Republic GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7-9, conducted in 2002. A two-stage cluster sample

design was used to produce representative data for all of Czech Republic. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 87.98%, and the overall response rate was 100.00%. A total of 4,149 students participated in the Czech Republic GYTS.

### Prevalence

73.2% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 75.0%, Female = 71.2%)

34.8% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 35.8%, Female = 33.4%)

34.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 34.4%, Female = 34.9%)

8.5% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 11.5%, Female = 5.5%)

### Knowledge and Attitudes

23.1% think boys and 17.8% think girls who smoke have more friends

11.3% think boys and 8.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

3.2% usually smoke at home

49.1% buy cigarettes in a store

71.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Environmental Tobacco Smoke

41.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence

74.0% are around others who smoke in places outside their home

67.8% think smoking should be banned from public places

60.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them

54.0% have one or more parents who smoke

32.9% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

48.8% want to stop smoking

69.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year

49.8% have ever received help to stop smoking

### Media and Advertising

77.2% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days

85.8% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days

82.3% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days

25.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

8.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

63.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking

50.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

52.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- 35% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 35% currently smoke cigarettes; 8.5% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high – 4 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; over 7 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; over 5 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- 6 of 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Two-thirds of students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Almost half of smokers want to quit.
- Almost 8 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; over 8 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.